

CATCHES RATTLESNAIL WITH BARE HANDS

De Soto, Wis.—Baroness catching of live rattlesnakes is no trick for Joseph Wilson, known in this Mississippi village as "the rattlesnake king." He has been handling the poisonous reptiles many years, but never has a rattlesnake bitten him.

Wilson displays the forked stick other hunters of rattlesnakes in this region use to take live specimens. The ordinary method is to pin the rattlesnake with a stick and transfer them to a heavy bag.

No such slow and careful methods for the "king." He finds a rattlesnake and reaches in and picks them up about the same as anyone else would pick up a puppy or kitten.

Whether they are called or not makes no difference to him.

Wilson asserts that not one of the thousands of rattlesnakes he has killed or taken alive has ever struck him.

Recently Wilson gave the village a demonstration that big snakes are not so dangerous as they are made out to be.

Wilson says that he has killed three hundred of the rattlesnakes for the three largest of the rattlesnake kings. He had an order for three big snakes for a museum, so he left the three largest of the rattlesnake kings.

He killed thirty-four others and clipped off their tails for the boys.

With one of the big snakes he walked around his neck and another around his waist, the king rattlesnake walked into the village. He rubbed the live snake's head against his cheek, put them down his trousers legs and into the bosom of his shirt, let them off at his feet and pick them up and down the street.

Dr. A. T. Andrews was skeptical and accused Wilson of snake handling. The snake catcher borrowed a pencil and opened the snake's mouth to let the doctor examine the inside of its mouth.

The exhibition was too much for Dr. Soto townsmen and a result was a request by the village board that Wilson confine his snake stunts to the area outside the limits.

Mule and Donkey Still Hold Their Own in Spain

Madrid.—The horse-drawn carriage still makes in Spain a stand against the encroachment of the automobile, but it is a losing battle.

In the capital some old families, it also possessed of wealth, continue to use their grand carriages and their blooded steeds, their liveried coachmen and footmen, and drive of after noons to the parks.

But the horses for which Spain was famous, whose ancestors went to England with Cortes and whose increase populated the western plains, are seen less and less on the streets of the streets of Spanish cities.

The humble mule and donkey still hold their own. They are used just as patiently and as proudly over every road and way, still packing or pulling the heaviest loads, still being used constantly in the ancient universities of muleteers the world over.

Judge Rules Citizenship

Seeker Must Wear Tie

Pittsburg, Kan.—You can't become an American citizen without wearing a necktie at least not at the naturalization session over which Chief Justice Walter Feiler presides.

When Evanston, Ill., natives of the court of citizenship the judge noted that he had no reason. The candidate was obliged to wear and procure the tie before being passed.

Drawbridge Holds on

Thrills for Lumberjack

Green Bay, Wis.—Being caught on a drawbridge when the spans were lifted allowed a hunt to pass through the draw did not bother the lumberjack hunter here at all. He perched himself upon the end of the drawbridge, the lumberjack pulled the bridge was lowered, tipped the bridge over 50 cents for no reason whatever and continued on his way.

Woman Swims Manicured

New York.—Handcuffed and manacled, Mrs. Lottie Moore Schenck swam in North river from Seventh street to the Battery. She wore the handcuffs upon her wrists and manacles upon her ankles.

Demand for Scriptures

Is Growing in China

Financial Statement of The Several District Road Board Funds

Year beginning July 1, 1928 and ending June 30, 1929

Clover Hill District RECEIPTS

July 1—To balance (overdraft) \$2789.60

Nov. 1—To levies 1928 on real estate, personal property, merchants capital and corp. com. assessments \$4,479.96

July 1—Transfers from 1c gas tax 1827.70

Transfers from 1/2 gas tax matched 1827.69

Transfers from Clover Hill Dist. gas tax (old fund) 1190.60

Less overdraft July 1, 1928 2789.60

Net Receipts \$6,659.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Willis Carter—Labor 144.38

Thomas Reid—Labor 143.00

Robert Gilbert—Labor 41.00

L. B. Rogers—Labor 316.50

Strode Burks—Labor 105.50

Jack Burks—Labor 1200.00

R. L. Burks—Incidental expenses 15.25

Appomattox Hdqrs.—Sundry supplies 143.37

Appomattox Motor Co.—Repairs and supplies 610.40

L. E. Smith—Terra Cotta Pipe 20.50

Hubbard Fdy. and Mch. Wks.—Welding and drilling 10.90

Ed. Leitch—Blacksmith act 46.69

W. A. Beale—Drumming road 7.50

A. M. Bryant—Repairs and sundry parts 108.75

C. E. Frank—Filling holes, etc. 31.45

J. E. Sears—Grass and oil 24.50

Thomas Reid—Labor 116.85

J. A. Burke, Agt.—one-third Workmans Comp. Ins. premium 116.86

Don Moses, Agt.—as member road bd. 33.32

C. M. Moore—Damage for changing culvert 10.65

M. B. Moore—Cutting tree out road 2.00

W. D. Moore—Cutting tree out road 2.00

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Panther Oil and Grease Mfg. Co.—Grease 116.86

R. D. Gunter—Tires and Labor 33.32

H. S. Garrett—Cutting tree out road 10.65

R. C. Coleman—Work on road 2.00

Shubling Martin—Cutting tree out road 2.00

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The U. S. Congress is to adjourn tomorrow for a week's vacation. We do not begrudge our law makers this vacation, but we would like to see the

legislation which they have passed and which they have not passed.

Senator George, of Georgia, is the only Senator so far to offer any suggestion for the

reduction of income tax. While the tax is a necessary evil, the

taxing is the luxury tax on tobacco, at least this will add the

manufacturers who have recently increased the price on the

manufactured product.

Appomattox gets for last month over \$1100 for its share of the gas tax and still the

road force is reduced.

THIS WEEK

by Arthur Brisbane

A Wave of Hygiene

Stagnation in War

We Make Good Rugs

Women's Colleges Starved

October 1929 country sold to other

countries for \$100,000,000, a record for the year, and for eight

years, excepting two months in 1928.

October we bought from foreign

countries three hundred and ninety-two million

worth of goods.

Business is good, money is cheap.

Then, what is the matter with us?

Two things—a period of reckless

spending and a wave of hysteria.

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OLD WALLS OF ROMAN TIMES

Rich Discovery Made by German Archaeologists

Berlin.—The foundation of a wall, consisting almost wholly of sculptures and fragments of ancient

monuments, has been discovered in the neighborhood of the town

of Alzey in the Rhine province. Seeking for traces of a medieval church,

they came upon the remains of a much older building, about sixteen

yards square, which dates back to the days when the legions still occupied

the parts of Germany that bordered upon Gaul.

The construction of the foundation was of a most unusual type of masonry. The stones consisted largely of

sculptured fragments of ancient pantheons and temples, including among others, nine altars, twenty-five pieces

of pillars, four stones with hieroglyphs, six broken statues and reliefs,

and six blocks with images of gods on all four sides.

It was the work of builders who not only disbelieved in the old gods but also in the new ones.

Their idea was to build a temple which should be a monument to the

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JEALOUSY CAUSES SLAYING OF GIRL

Salesman Tells Story of Crime in Hotel

Washington.—Dexter Churchill Davis, a twenty-five-year-old salesman, was arrested here, having confessed, according to authorities, to slaying Miss Marjorie Lane O'Brien, twenty-three, an employee of the

National Geographic society, in the Roosevelt hotel. The young man is said to have told police he committed the crime through jealousy of another

man, and that he was jealous of the man who had been with her.

In a voluntary statement to police Davis said he had repeatedly entreated Miss O'Brien to promise to marry him, but she would not.

He said that he had been with her for some time, but that she had not

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NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Reduction of Income Tax by One Per Cent Proposed by the Administration

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

IF CONGRESS is agreeable, and almost certain to be, our income

taxes for this year will be reduced by about \$100,000,000. This is the plan

of the administration, the announcement of which was made in advance

of the President's budget message to congress in the hope that it would

serve to stimulate the stock market.

Through his address Mr. Hoover revealed himself as an ardent advocate of peace and the reduction of expenditures for the army and navy.

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